



Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition

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Minnesota farmers were able to harvest about one-fifth of both their soybean and corn crops during the **6.3 days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending October 11, 2015, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This was the second most days suitable for fieldwork this crop season, just behind last week's 6.4 days suitable. Most of the state experienced high winds, helping to dry down corn but also drying topsoil. Farmers were also tilling harvested fields.

Soil moisture levels decreased with the wind and lack of significant rain during the week. **Topsoil moisture** supplies were rated 4 percent very short, 21 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 4 percent very short, 16 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus.

With almost all of Minnesota's **corn** acreage mature, one-fifth of the acreage was harvested during the week. Corn harvest was 29 percent complete, 12 days ahead of the previous year but 1 day behind normal. Corn moisture content of grain at harvest was 19 percent. Corn condition rated 89 percent good to excellent. Corn harvested for silage was nearing completion. **Soybean** harvest was 91 percent complete, 13 days ahead of last year and 9 days ahead of average. Ninety-three percent of the **potato** crop has been harvested, just behind last year but 2 days ahead of normal. Over one-third of the sugarbeet crop was harvested during the week, advancing to 88 percent complete, 1 day behind last year but 11 days ahead of average. Fifty-six percent of the **sunflower** acreage has been harvested, 9 days ahead of average. Sunflower condition rated 57 percent good to excellent.

Pasture condition rated 68 percent good to excellent, down 3 percentage points from the previous week.

Crop Progress as of October 11, 2015

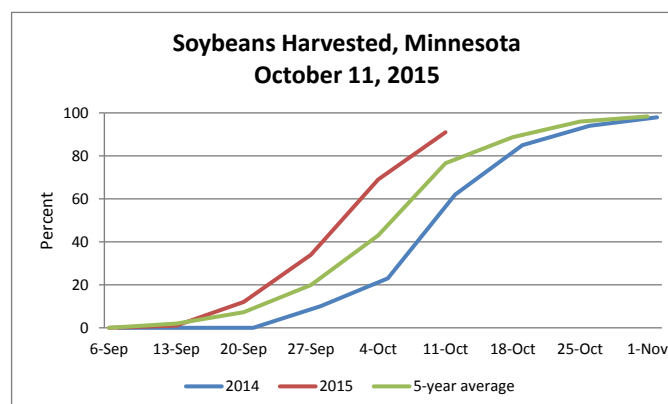
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	6.3	6.4	5.8	5.9
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn mature	97	91	82	90
Corn for Grain harvested	29	9	7	30
Corn for Silage harvested	98	93	85	96
Potatoes harvested	93	81	94	91
Soybeans harvested	91	69	56	75
Sugarbeets harvested	88	52	90	56
Sunflowers harvested	56	25	13	37

Soil Moisture Conditions as of October 11, 2015

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil Moisture	4	21	73	2
Subsoil Moisture	4	16	78	2

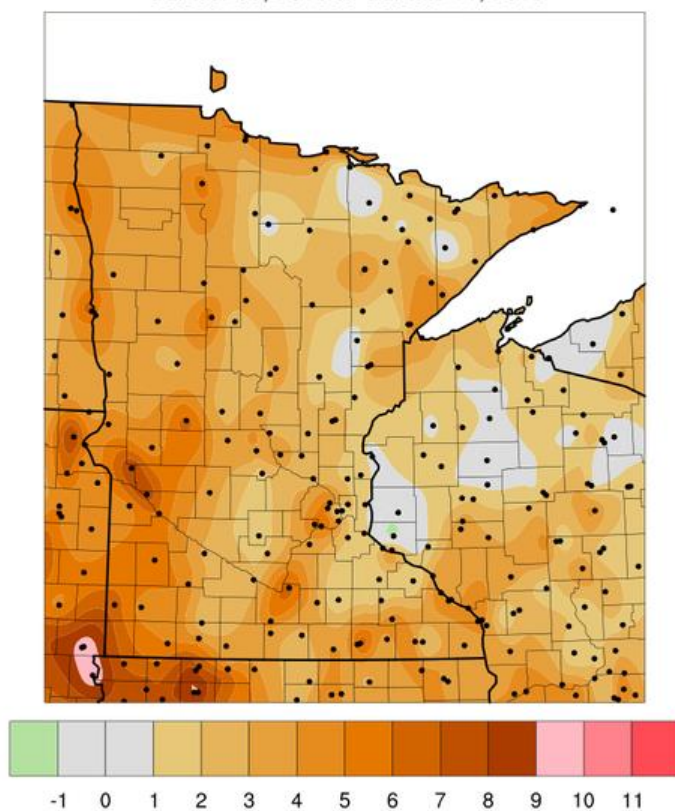
Crop Condition as of October 11, 2015

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	0	2	9	52	37
Pasture	3	11	18	61	7
Sunflowers	0	7	36	48	9



Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending October 11, 2015

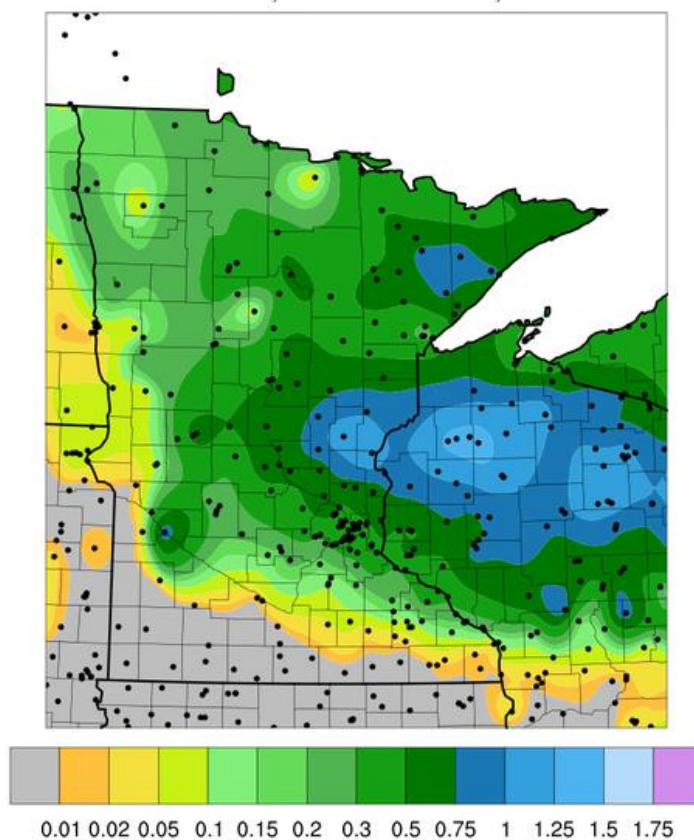
Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals
October 05, 2015 to October 11, 2015



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Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 05, 2015 to October 11, 2015



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National Weather Service data, courtesy of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources State Climatology Office, is available at: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/climate/historical/summary.html>

Growing Degree Days can be found at <https://mygeohub.org/groups/u2u/gdd>

Temperature and Precipitation Maps, courtesy of the Midwestern Regional Climate Center, are available at: <http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/CLIMATE/>